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Further to the Response dated November 16, 2004, which was filed in reply to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004, the Applicant submits herewith a certified copy of the priority document, Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-309756.

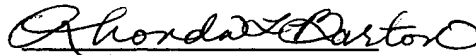
The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the certified copy of the priority document as a supplement to the verified translation thereof, submitted with the Response filed on November 16, 2004. This certified copy shows that conception and reduction to practice of the present invention occurred on or before October 5, 2001, and thus, antedates the Chih reference (US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0123914 A1).

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Dkt.
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